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printout showed that it would have what I would say very minimal percentage impacts. The standard cost group decreases by less than two-tenths of 1 percent; the sparse cost group increases by five one-hundredths of 1 percent. I'll repeat that. The standard cost group decreases by less than two-tenths of 1 percent. What that means to some school districts, the largest school district in the state, Omaha, it reduces the...what they would receive by four-tenths of 1 percent, the Lincoln Public Schools by five-tenths of 1 percent. The Omaha schools, when I presented this to them, said that they realize this was minimal, and recognized that, and recognized that we do not make decisions by printout; that we looked at it, those schools...we decided those schools were sparse, and the results of the printout showed the percentages. But when you have even minimal percentages, those can have more significant dollar amounts to some of the larger schools. Because of that, some of you may have seen a letter from the greater Nebraska schools, who objected to the minimal amount, to the percentage because it comes out to about \$7 per student. When that happened, a large number of the small schools were upset and that's why I thought you deserved to know that we had an ongoing emerging battle. In the end, I think everyone has agreed that the bill should go forward and that these percentages were minimal, and that this will not affect...the amendments had...the amendment, the way they ran the printout would show that if they did it for the 1999-2000 certification, but that will not affect 1999-2000, but they had to use that because that's what information they had in place. But I felt that I needed to tell you those facts, that it certainly caused mild, no, more than mild disruption by...within some of the schools, but that I do believe that the percentages show that it was minimal, and I stand by that. And certainly that the schools that were brought to our attention indeed look sparse. This also, I would remind you, has the emergency clause. And so, with that, Mr. President, I withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is withdrawn. Members, pursuant to Rule 6, Section 8, the question is, shall LB 813 be considered for a vote without an at large reading? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to dispense with Final